



QR CODES

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7 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT QR CODES

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This article from Educause outlines who is using QR Codes and the implications for QR Codes in regard to teaching and learning.

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THE BASICS

QR CODES IN EDUCATION

QR Codes could be used to help ensure anonymity in grading, or direct students to further information and discuss what they are learning in class.

According to Educause, QR Codes link the physical world with the virtual by providing on-the-spot access to descriptive language and online resources for objects and locations.

WHAT ARE QR CODES?

A QR Code (or Quick Response Code) is a specific matrix barcode (or two-dimensional code), readable by dedicated QR barcode readers and camera phones. QR Codes allow viewers to instantly collect further information via URLs, addresses and text. QR Codes can be found on product labels, billboards, buildings, advertising within newspapers and magazines, etc. For example, a QR Code could be used at a zoo exhibit – linking to more information about an animal's habitat and diet.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

To use QR Codes, the user will need to download a reader. Free applications can be accessed across all platforms and are easy to use. Simply download the reader onto your Smartphone, launch it and hover your camera over the QR image. You will then receive a corresponding link associated with the code.

If you have any questions or concerns about creating or using QR Codes, please contact us at abelhelp@yorku.ca.

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